

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH Case No. 2015071188

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR
CONTINUANCE AND SETTING
MEDIATION, PREHEARING
CONFERENCE AND DUE PROCESS
HEARING

On August 11, 2015, the parties jointly filed a request to continue the dates in this matter. The initial hearing date is September 14, 2015.

A due process hearing must be conducted and a decision rendered within 45 days of receipt of the due process notice unless an extension is granted for good cause. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a) & (c) (2006); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020.) As a result, continuances are disfavored. Good cause may include the unavailability of a party, counsel, or an essential witness due to death, illness or other excusable circumstances; substitution of an attorney when the substitution is required in the interests of justice; a party's excused inability to obtain essential testimony or other material evidence despite diligent efforts; or another significant, unanticipated change in the status of the case as a result of which the case is not ready for hearing. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).) OAH considers all relevant facts and circumstances, including the proximity of the hearing date; previous continuances or delays; the length of continuance requested; the availability of other means to address the problem giving rise to the request; prejudice to a party or witness as a result of a continuance; the impact of granting a continuance on other pending hearings; whether trial counsel is engaged in another trial; whether the parties have stipulated to a continuance; whether the interests of justice are served by the continuance; and any other relevant fact or circumstance. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(d).)

OAH has reviewed the request for good cause and considered all relevant facts and circumstances. The request is:

☒ Granted. All dates are vacated. This matter will be set as follows:

Mediation: September 9, 2015 at 9:30 AM

Prehearing Conference: October 23, 2015 at 1:00 PM – **Please note change of date. OAH sets prehearing conferences at least five business days before the first day of hearing.**

Due Process Hearing: November 3, 4, 5, 9, and 10, 2015 and continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge. The first day of hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m.; the hearing on November 9 will begin at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise ordered and all other hearing days will begin at 9:00 a.m.

OAH does not schedule hearings on the first Monday of the month, and therefore the parties' request for November 2, 2015 as a hearing date is denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: August 11, 2015

/s/

ADRIENNE L. KRIKORIAN
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings